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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 15331

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNCTAD, EGEN, UK

SUBJECT: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES --
UK POSITION

REF: STATE 256127

1. ON NOVEMBER 22 ECONCOMMIN CALLED ON DAVID ENNALS,
MINISTER OF STATE, FCO, AND CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS IN
REFTEL.

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2. ENNALS LISTENED CAREFULLY TO OUR STATEMENT OF THE US POSITION. HE SAID THAT HMG HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO VOTE ON THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE. THE BRITISH WOULD LIKE TO AVOID AN OPEN CONFRONTATION WITH THE GROUP OF 77 AND WITH MEXICO, BUT THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE TO BE THE FINAL OUTCOME.

3. THEY "CANNOT POSSIBLY" SUPPORT SEVERAL CLAUSES IN THE G-77 DRAFT AND HOPE THAT A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN ON A CLAUSE-BY-CLAUSE BASIS. THEY WILL THEN DECIDE -- IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS -- HOW TO VOTE ON THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE. THEIR DECISION WILL BE INFLUENCED BY: (A) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE G-77 IS PREPARED TO MAKE A GENUINE EFFORT TO COMPROMISE; AND (B) THE GENERAL POSITION OF THE WESTERN GROUP.

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